COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

BUDGET SESSION OF 1102.

(OFFICIAL REPORT)

Saturday, the 14*th of Karkadagam* 1102.

30*th of July* 1927.

The Council met at 11-30 a. m. in the Town Hall, Ernakulam, to transact its business, the Diwan-President presiding. The following Members were absent:— Messrs. Lonappan Chakkola, S. S. Koder, K. Krishna Menon, Poulo Mampilli, P. Munda Vaidyan, J. T. Murray, A. B. Salem and K. Sankaran Nambudiri.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Departments in which women are not appointed.

80. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**--Will the Government be pleased to state the names of departments in which women are not allowed to hold offices?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—There is no order prohibiting women to hold office in any department.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Does it not mean that women can hold appointments in all the departments provided they have the necessary qualifications?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—In so far as there is no order prohibiting them to hold appointments, it will appear that they are eligible for appointments in all offices.

Public lanes and foot-paths.

81. **Mr. Poulo Mampilli.**—Will the Government be pleased to state in whose control lanes and foot-paths in villages having Village Panchayats are;

2. will the Government be pleased to state, if there is any difference in the powers of control as between a lane and a foot-path; if there is any difference, will the Government be pleased to state it;

3. will the Government be pleased to state, if they are aware that, by Government refusing to take action against men blocking up or encroaching upon foot-paths and lanes even when the public necessity for action is pointed out by Panchayats, and by refusing Panchayats' permission to take any action, the public are put to very great difficulties?

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